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1. MINISTRY YOUTH AND SPORTS AND EMBASSY STRONGLY WISH PROGRAM

3 MAN BOXING TEAM REFTEL A. POST FEELS EXCELLENT WAY U.S.

CONTRIBUTE VOLTAN NATIONAL SPORTS PROGRAM, WHICH REPEATEDLY

REQUESTS MATERIAL SUPPORT U.S. GOVERNMENT UNABLE FURNISH.

BOXING EXTREMELY POPULAR IN UPPER VOLTA, ONE OF TWO SPORTS

CHOSEN BY GOUV FOR MONTREAL.

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2. PROGRAM- MINISTRY PROPOSES TEAM VISIT UPPER VOLTA ONE WEEKS, EMPHASIZING COACHING AND DEMONSTRATIONS, FOLLOWED BY ONE EVENING EXHIBITION FINALE WITH LOCAL BOXERS. ENTIRE PROGRAM TO BE ARRANGED BY VOLTAN NATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION, WHICH IS MINISTRY CONTROLLED. FACT TEAM MILITARY NO PROBLEM.

3. TIMING- MINISTRY INDICATES ANY WEEK LATE OCT OR DURING NOV ACCEPTABLE. MINISTRY CONTROLS LOCAL BOXING RING.

4. FUNDING- STRONGLY URGE CU/AF ASSUME INTERCOUNTRY TRAVEL AND PERDIEM AS PER REF B. SMALL POSTS'S CU BUDGET INSUFFICIENT COVER 1000 DOLS PLUS PACKAGE COST FOR ONE WEEK, MINIMUM REQUIRED TO JUSTIFY VISIT. MINISTRY ASSERTS UNABLE COVER ROOM, BOARD, BUT WILL COVER ALL COSTS OF TRAININING AND EXHIBITION SESSION, PLUS LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.

5. NEED FOLLOWING INFO RE GROUP:

A) PRESUME ADMISSION COULD BE CHARGED FOR EXHIBITION WITH RECEIPTS SPLIT BETWEEN USG AND NATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION AFTER LOCAL EXPENSES ARE DEDUCTED. POST WOULD PREFER DEPOSIT USG SHARE RECEIPTS TO CU FUND RATHER THAN ATTEMPT COVER LOCAL COSTS WITH SAME AS TOTAL TAKE NEVER SURE TILL AFTER THE FACT AND IT PREFERABLE ADMINISTRATIVELY THAT GROUP TRAVEL UNDER SAME FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS AS PER REF B THROUGHOUT.

B) WHAT ARE BOXER'S WEIGHT CLASS?

6. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT URGE TEAM CONSIDER MORE THAN MAXIMUM 10 DAYS TOTAL TRAVEL (REF A) FOR TOUR TO ACCOMMODATE POSTS WISHING GROUP. THOUGH OLYMPIC COVERAGE ON VOLTAN PRESS WAS NIL DUE AFRICAN BOYCOTT, WORD ON FIVE U.S. BOXING GOLDS HAS GOTTEN AROUND.

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